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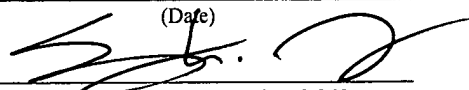
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 App. No : 10/778,012
 Filed : February 12, 2004
 For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
 TREATING REFUSE WITH STEAM
 Examiner : Stephen Michael Gravini
 Art Unit : 3749

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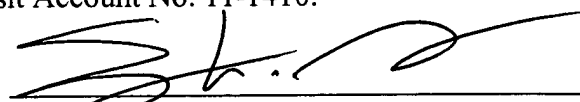
- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 3 pages.
- (X) Amendment in 5 pages.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 6, 2006, Applicant elects the invention of group II, Claims 4-7. Applicant makes the present election with traverse.

Together with this Response Applicant has submitted an Amendment in which Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 3, 8, 13, 14 and 18, added new Claims 19-25, and amended Claims 2, 4, 9, 10 and 12. Upon entry of Applicant's Amendment, only Claims 4 and 10 are independent. Amended Claim 4, copied below in the Appendix, recites a compaction station for treating and compacting refuse. Amended Claim 10, also copied below in the Appendix, recites a method of treating and compacting refuse within a compaction station. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 4 and 10 should not be restricted, since Claim 4 recites apparatus corresponding to each step recited in Claim 10, and Claim 10 recites method steps that each correspond to apparatus recited in Claim 4.

If the Examiner maintains the restrictions set forth in the January 6 paper, Applicant respectfully submits that at least Claims 2 and 23-25 should be examined with Group II, since these claims depend from Claim 4.

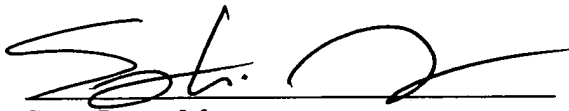
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Respectfully submitted,

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